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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BIG3 LLC, a limited liability company; O'SHEA JACKSON a/k/a ICE CUBE, an individual; and JEFF KWATINETZ, an individual;

Plaintiff.

VS.

Ahmed Al-Rumaihi, an individual;  
Faisal Al-Hamadi, an individual;  
Ayman Sabi, an individual; Sheikh  
Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Sau Al  
Thani, an individual and as CEO of  
Qatar Investment Authority; DOES 1-  
100,

## Defendants.

**CASE NO.: 2:18-cv-03466-DMG-SK**

Assigned for all purposes to  
The Honorable Dolly M. Gee

**DECLARATION OF MARK  
GERAGOS**

**[Filed concurrently with Plaintiffs' Response To Order To Show Cause Re: Dismissal For Lack Of Prosecution]**

1 I MARK GERAGOS DECLARE,

2 1. I am an attorney of record for Plaintiffs and I am licensed to practice law  
3 before this Court and in this State. If called as a witness I could and would testify to  
4 the following.

5 2. Defendants Ahmed Al-Rumaihi, Ayman Sabi, and Faisal Al Hamidi are  
6 the three members of Sport Trinity, LLC. Defendants Al-Rumaihi and Sabi have  
7 appeared in this case, and are represented by attorney Brian Hershman of Jones Day.  
8 On July 26, 2018, Plaintiffs requested that Mr. Hershman confirm whether his firm  
9 represents Defendant Al-Hamidi, but no response to this request was provided. On  
10 July 31, 2018, Plaintiffs repeated this request, but to date, it too has been ignored.

11 True and correct copies of these emails are attached as **Exhibit A**.

12 3. On July 31, a letter brief was filed in the pending proceeding between  
13 Big 3 Basketball, LLC—the company operating the professional basketball league at  
14 the center of this dispute (the “League”—and Sport Trinity, LLC—the League’s  
15 defaulting purported investor that is owned and controlled by Mr. Al-Rumaihi. A true  
16 and correct copy of this letter brief is attached as **Exhibit B**.

17 4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of the Bloomberg  
18 Businessweek article “Ice Cube’s Big3 Investors Seek to End Suit Over Qatar Plot,”  
19 dated June 18, 2018, [https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-06-18/ice-cube-...](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-06-18/ice-cube-s-big3-investors-seek-to-end-suit-claiming-qatar-plot)  
20 s-big3-investors-seek-to-end-suit-claiming-qatar-plot.

21 5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of the Washington Post  
22 article “Hacked Messages Show Qatar Appearing to Pay Hundreds Of Millions to  
23 Free Hostages,” dated April 28, 2018,  
24 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/hacked-mess...ce2-3f41-11e8-974f-aacd97698cef\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.069105146a8a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/hacked-mess...ce2-3f41-11e8-974f-aacd97698cef_story.html?utm_term=.069105146a8a).

25 6. Attached as **Exhibit E** is a true and correct copy of the Aljazeera article  
26 “Defence Minister/ Saudi, UAE Intended to Invade Qatar,” dated February 3, 2018,

1 https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/02/defence-minister-saudi-uae-intended-  
2 invade-qatar-180203091422735.html.

3       7. Attached as **Exhibit F** is a true and correct printout of the biography page  
4 for Hassan Al-Thawadi on the World Economic Forum website, last viewed on  
5 August 7, 2018, <https://www.weforum.org/people/hassan-thawadi>.

6       8. Attached as **Exhibit G** is a true and correct copy of the Times London  
7 article “Exclusive/Qatar Sabotaged 2022 World Cup Rivals with ‘Black Ops’,” dated  
8 July 29, 2018, <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/exclusive-qatar-sabotaged-2022-world-cup-rivals-with-black-ops-glwl3kxkk>.

9       9. Attached as **Exhibit H** is a true and correct copy of the BBC Sports  
10 article “World Cup 2022: Fifa Need to Conduct “Independent Investigation” Into  
11 Qatar Bid Claims,” dated July 29, 2018,  
12 <https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/44998080>.

13       10. Attached as **Exhibit I** is a true and correct copy of the Mother Jones  
14 article “How the King of New York Kosher Restaurants Helped Qatar Win Over  
15 American Jewish Leaders,” dated June 13, 2018,  
16 <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2018/06/joey-allaham-nick-muzin-qatar-jewish-leaders/>.

17       11. Attached as **Exhibit J** is a true and correct copy of the Wall Street  
18 Journal article “Mike Flynn’s Lawyers Say He Is No Longer Joining Consulting  
19 Firm,” dated July 10, 2018, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/mike-flynn-lawyers-say-he-is-no-longer-joining-consulting-firm-1531245600>.

20       12. Attached as **Exhibit K** is a true and correct copy of the Haaretz article  
21 “Qatar Used a pro-Israel Businessman to Pay Zionist Organization of America  
22 \$100,000,” dated June 21, 2018, <https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/qatar-used-a-pro-israel-businessman-to-pay-zoa-100-000-1.6197919>.

1       13. Attached as **Exhibit L** is a true and correct copy of the Politico article  
2       “Key Figures in Gulf Crisis Sever Ties with Qatar,” dated June 7, 2018,  
3       <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/06/07/qatar-persian-gulf-630039>.

4       14. Attached as **Exhibit M** is a true and correct copy of the FARA  
5       registration for Lexington Strategies, LLC, which was filed with U.S. Department of  
6       Justice on June 15, 2018.

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8       I DECLARE THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT UNDER  
9       PENALTY PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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11      DATED: August 8, 2018

12      GERAGOS & GERAGOS, APC

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